

# **A Study of the Wisdom Literature**

## **(OT Survey Lesson 264—Psalm 119:113-176)**

**Introduction:** In this tribute to the word of God, the psalmist speaks of the many benefits of faith in God's law—liberation, light, life, and stability.

**Lesson aim:** To appreciate the wonderful blessings of the word of God

### **A meditative psalm on the benefits of God's word—Psalm 119:113-176**

(Because of the length of the material, we will cover some of the highlights of each section. Write down the verses where you find your answers. Also, make a note of verses that are particularly interesting to you and be prepared to share them in our discussion.)

1. *In the Samekh section:* What was the psalmist's attitude toward those who are double-minded? In contrast what did he love? What does the psalmist ask God to do in view of the evil-doers that surround him? In what sense did the psalmist fear God?
2. *In the Ayin Section:* On what basis does the psalmist plead for God's help? What attitude did the psalmist have toward God? (v. 125) When did the psalmist say it would be time for the Lord to act? How highly did the psalmist regard the precepts of God?
3. *In the Pe section:* The unfolding of God's word gives what? What did the psalmist not want to have dominion over him? How did the psalmist feel about those who did not obey God?
4. *In the Tsadhe section:* In what ways does the psalmist describe God in this section? Consequently, what does he say about God's word?
5. *In the Qoph section:* What theme is followed throughout this section? What did the psalmist anticipate? Why?
6. *In the Resh section:* What does the psalmist plead with God to do? Did the psalmist allow persecution or animosity to keep him from doing right? What is the significance of v. 160?

7. *In the Shin section:* How does the psalmist describe his joy over the word? Contrast what he loves and hates. How often did the psalmist praise God each day? What blessing comes to those who love the law of God?
  
8. *In the Tav section:* To what does the psalmist compare himself in v. 176? What does he ask the Lord to do?